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Goal and Objectives for Camp Minden Dialogue

The goal of the Camp Minden Dialogue is to identify and evaluate alternative methods to open burn for the expeditious and safe (both occupational and environmental) removal of M6 Propellant and Clean Burning Igniter (CBI) from Camp Minden, including:

- Develop criteria for evaluating the remediation methods;
- With technical expertise, evaluate the methods against the criteria;
- Based on this analysis, provide individual input to the Army, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), and the Louisiana Military Department (LMD). To the extent there is a convergence of individual input, the facilitators will note this.
- Solicit input from the full diversity of the community, to ensure that all views are heard in the Dialogue process; and
- While appreciating the broader national context for decision-making, remain focused on addressing the immediate concerns at Camp Minden.

The evaluation will focus on alternative technologies to open burn, but the Technology Working Group will apply the criteria to open burn also for informational purposes only. It is widely acknowledged by the state and federal government entities in the Dialogue that open burn is strongly opposed by the local population in the area.

The Minden dialogue committee is made up of a group of individual volunteer citizens, community leaders, local and statewide organizations, scientists, elected officials and state representatives that are coming together to look at alternatives to address materials at Camp Minden in Webster Parish, Louisiana. This group, along with the public, will have the opportunity to provide individual input. The group is not convened under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and questions should be directed to Suzanne Murray, Office of Regional Counsel (214) 665-2110.